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1. Which celebrity donated $5,000 to repair Ben Franklin's gravestone?

2. How old is Flyers' rookie Travis Konecny?

3. What fashion icon directed "Nocturnal Animals," featuring actor Michael Shannon?

3 things you need to know

EUROPEAN LEADERS AND OBAMA TO DISCUSS RUSSIA SANCTIONS IN BERLIN

1 European leaders and President Barack Obama will discuss on Friday an extension of the sanctions imposed on Russia for its intervention in Ukraine, as well as possible new sanctions for its bombing in Syria, multiple sources familiar with the plans said. The meeting in Berlin, hosted by German Chancellor Angela Merkel and including the leaders of Britain, France, Italy and Spain, comes a little over a week after Donald Trump's victory in the U.S. presidential election. Trump has indicated that he will seek a rapprochement with Russia, raising doubts in Europe about the future of the sanctions regime introduced by Washington and Brussels in 2014 following Russia's intervention in eastern Ukraine. REUTERS

MINNESOTA COP CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER IN DEATH OF BLACK MAN

2 A prosecutor in Minnesota on Wednesday said he had brought a second-degree manslaughter charge against a police officer involved in the July shooting death of a black motorist that sparked outrage after it was broadcast on social media. Ramsey County Attorney John Choi said St. Anthony police officer Jeronimo Yanez broke the law when he shot and killed Philando Castile, 32, in Falcon Heights, a St. Paul suburb, during a traffic stop. Castile had told the officer that he was lawfully carrying a firearm after he was pulled over by Yanez and another officer. Castile's girlfriend, Diamond Reynolds, live-streamed images of him after he was shot, and some went viral on social media. REUTERS

BP TO CUT UP TO 80 JOBS AT INDIANA REFINERY

3 BP Plc plans to cut between 50 and 80 salaried positions at the company's 413,500-barrel-per-day refinery in Whiting, Indiana, a company spokesman said. Union-represented hourly and salaried employees at the refinery, which is BP's largest in the United States, will not be affected by the layoffs, said spokesman Michael Abendhoff. The cuts come as U.S. refiners have weathered a sharp downturn in refining profits due to rising global oil prices. REUTERS

CORRECTION

Due to a reporting error, the story "The Rock is officially the Sexiest Man Alive" in Wednesday's Word column incorrectly stated that TV show "Ballers" was a Showtime series. In fact, "Ballers" is an HBO original series. Metro regrets the error.

A protester shouts at a Philly bike cop who touched him while he and dozens of protesters marched through Center City. CHARLES MOSTOLLER

Four detained after 'Anti-Trump Rally for Police Abolition' turns raucous

A standoff between Philly cops and protesters marching in Center City broke into scuffles.

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Sporadic scuffles between protesters and police broke out Wednesday evening after a group of about 50 protesters marching through Center City were prevented from continuing down streets crowded with cars and buses.

Four protesters who struggled with police officers were detained to be issued civil citations, police said.

The march began hours earlier when roughly 100 gathered for the "Anti-Trump Rally for Police Abolition" organized by the Philly Coalition for REAL Justice outside the Philadelphia Police Department.

The rally targeted the police over their union's endorsement of President-elect Donald Trump, and over what they called the unfair treatment of people of color and police tactics like stop and frisk.

Protester Rufus Farmer demanded police guarding the rally reject the Fraternal Order of Police's [FOP] endorsement of Donald Trump.

"How many of you are going to stand up to the FOP?" he called to them. "You're not going to speak up about the FOP or Donald Trump, but you're still going to call yourself good cops? It's bulls—.

After the national FOP endorsed Trump, FOP Lodge #5, which represents Philly cops, followed their lead and also endorsed Trump. Some black Philly cops with the Guardian Civic League disagreed with that choice.

After the rally, protesters marched against traffic down 7th Street and eventually to City Hall. They went into Rittenhouse Square before encountering a wall of bike cops who stopped them at 18th Street.

The group continued chanting in the middle of the intersection as SEPTA buses and cars were jammed for blocks. As numerous protesters shouted accusations and insults in the faces of police officers, some tried to push past them, leading to a scuffle. Police took one young woman into custody.

Shortly thereafter, several other small scuffles erupted between cops and protesters at various points around the intersection. Three more people were detained before the protesters began to disperse at around 7 p.m.

"We were trying to get them to go along with the flow of traffic for everybody's safety. Some people wanted to go through the police," said Chief Inspector Joe Sullivan as he surveyed the protests.

He said safety was the only reason for blocking the march outside Rittenhouse Square. "We're fine with people marching, as everyone knows," he said.

Some onlookers disagreed with the protesters' opposition to Trump.

"I'm an African-American and a Democrat. He won fair and square. He's not even in the White House yet. Let's just give him a chance," said Sonya Hodges, 43. "Someone's getting robbed at gunpoint right now because all these police are here, babysitting."

But coalition organizer Megan Malachi said giving Trump a chance is the wrong move.

"It's quite shameful to think that we should give someone who is an ardent white supremacist, someone who has also appointed other white supremacists to his cabinet, that we should give this person a chance to just oppress us even more," she said.

"I think that every presidency including Barack Obama's presidency has been a racist, white supremacist presidency," she added. "The only difference is that he [Trump] is actually telling us what he's going to do instead of doing it in a covert manner."

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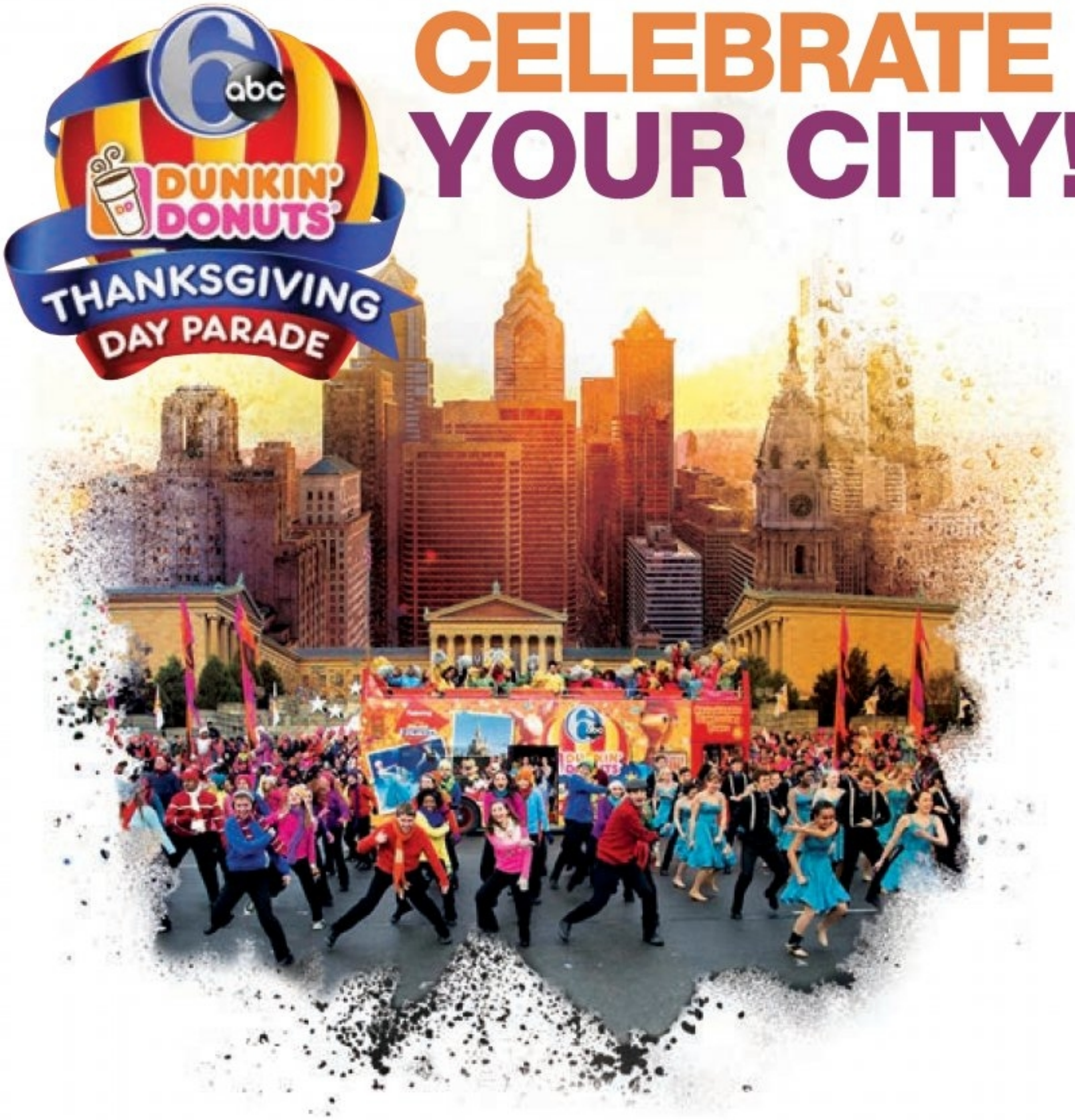

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Governor signs 'free the six-pack' bill

In the latest step to modernize Pennsylvania's strict liquor and beer laws, Gov. Tom Wolf signed legislation Tuesday that gives residents more booze-buying freedom.

The bill permits beer distributors to sell suds in any quantity, including six-packs, four-packs, growlers and 32-ounce bottles. Under the "free the six-pack" legislation, Pennsylvania's residents will also be able to legally receive shipments of beer directly to their homes through beer-of-the-month clubs.

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The legislation also permits bars to start selling alcohol at 9 a.m. on Sundays, instead of at 11 a.m., and loosens restrictions at sporting events, allowing venues to sell mixed drinks.

Wolf's legislation takes effect in 60 days.

In May, the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board approved the sale of six-packs at gas stations throughout the state, a move the governor both urged and praised as a necessity to improve convenience for residents and make the state more inviting for businesses.

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Bon Jovi donates $5K to restore Ben Franklin's grave

The grave sustained significant damage from tens of thousands of pennies.

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It's no bed of roses, but Ben Franklin's final resting place has been saved thanks to the donation from a New Jersey rocker.

Jon Bon Jovi and his wife Dorthea donated $5,000 toward the GoFundMe campaign for restoring Franklin's grave in Philadelphia yesterday, which boosted the Christ Church Preservation Trust's to its $10,000 goal.

Jovi is a Perth Amboy, New Jersey, native. He was a majority owner of the Philadelphia Soul from 2004 to 2008.

As of Wednesday afternoon, the campaign has raised $12,086.

The campaign, launched on Nov. 1, seeks to raise money to restore Franklin's grave at the Christ Church Burial Ground in Old City. Because of his popular adage — "a penny saved is a penny earned" — tens of thousands of visitors annually toss pennies onto the politician's marble ledger. Over the years, it has sustained significant damage and a large crack.

Franklin was one of the seven signers of the Declaration of Independence buried at Christ Church. He died in 1790.

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BRIEF

Donate to Metro's Toy Drive
In keeping with the holiday spirit of giving, Metro is once again launching Metro Magic, our annual toy drive for underprivileged children in New York, Boston and Philadelphia.

This year marks the 7th anniversary of the toy drive, which was renamed in memory the man who oversaw the project for more than four years, Tony Metcalf, Metro's longest-running editor in chief. Mr. Metcalf passed away in 2013 from colon cancer at the age of 50.

Mr. Metcalf lit up every year as he saw the faces of children unwrap their holiday gifts. It is our goal to keep that magic alive.

"Tony felt we should use the size and scale of Metro to help other's and he used enormous dedication and force to execute the project and every year make children in need a little happier during the holiday season," said Metro's Chief Executive Officer Yggers Mortensen

"I am proud to continue this project in honor of Tony and I hope all our readers, suppliers and members of the Metro team will help to make this yet another great Metro Magic year."

Metro has created a wish list at the Target website that readers can access by going to www.metro.us and clicking on the Tony's Metro Magic story on the homepage.

From there, just choose the toys you wish to donate, pay online using Target's secure payment system, and your gifts, along with your name attached, will be delivered to Metro's offices in each city.

This season, we hope you will remember the children who will spend the holidays in shelters or who may not have gifts to open. Even one small gift can make a big difference in a child's holiday season.

It's good to receive a gift. It's better to give one. METRO

Obama lands in Berlin for farewell visit to closest ally Angela Merkel

President Barack Obama descends from Air Force One upon his arrival on Wednesday in Berlin, Germany. GETTY IMAGES

Obama, who described Merkel ahead of the visit as his "closest international partner", will dine with the chancellor at Berlin's famous Adlon hotel directly next to the landmark Brandenburg Gate.

U.S. President Barack Obama arrived in Berlin on Wednesday to meet German Chancellor Angela Merkel, with whom he has forged a close transatlantic alliance during eight years in office that President-elect Donald Trump may now call into question.

The two leaders, who together tackled the global financial crisis, promoted free trade and forged an international accord to fight climate change, stressed their shared values in a joint guest piece for German magazine Wirtschaftswoche.

"There will be no return to a world before globalisation," they wrote, stressing the benefits of a free trade deal being negotiated between the European Union and the United States.

Trump, a billionaire businessman with no previous experience of public office, made attacks on international trade deals a cornerstone of his election campaign, saying they have cost U.S. jobs.

His election win heralds a hard break in a relationship that grew extremely close during and immediately after the Cold War.

It wobbled when Berlin refused to go along with U.S. President George W. Bush's Iraq war in 2003 and Germany and France were derided by his Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld as "old Europe."

But the relationship has again flourished in recent years, with Obama and Merkel also leading an international push for economic sanctions on Russia over its role in the Ukraine crisis. Trump by contrast has spoken warmly of Putin.

Last week Merkel, Europe's most powerful leader, offered to work with Trump on the basis of their countries' shared democratic values.

Merkel and Obama will hold bilateral talks on Thursday before they are joined on Friday by the leaders of France, Britain, Spain and Italy.

It is Obama's last trip to Europe as president before he hands over the presidency to Trump in January. REUTERS

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BRIEF

Kosovo arrests 19 on suspicion of planning IS attacks
Police in Kosovo said on Wednesday they had arrested 19 people in the past 10 days on suspicion of having links with Islamic State and planning to carry out attacks in Kosovo and in neighboring Albania.

The police said the suspects were in contact with an Islamic State member, the self-declared "commander of Albanians in Syria and Iraq," Lavdrim Muhaxheri, from whom they received orders to attack.

"They were planning to commit terrorist attacks in Kosovo and also [an attack] against Israeli football team and their fans during the Albania-Israel match," Kosovo police said in a statement in the evening.

Albania moved a World Cup European qualifying match with Israel on Nov. 12 from the northern city of Shkoder to a venue near the capital Tirana because of fears of a possible attack by militants. Four people were arrested on terrorism charges.

The police said the suspects had planned to carry out "synchronized terrorist attacks", but it did not give any details. It said explosives, weapons, ammunition and a drone had been seized.

At least 200 people have been detained or investigated in Kosovo over their alleged links with Islamic state in recent years. A total of 300 Kosovars went to Syria to fight alongside Islamic state troops and more than 50 have been killed there.

International and local security agencies in Kosovo, including NATO mission and the EU police mission, are worried that many of those returning home from combat zones could pose a security threat.

Most of Kosovo's ethnic Albanian majority are nominally Muslim but overwhelmingly secular. REUTERS

Emmanuel Macron, founder and president of the political movement "En Marche!," and former French economy minister GETTY IMAGES

Macron launches French presidential bid as the polls show tight race

The 38-year-old quit the cabinet of Socialist President Francois Hollande in August to prepare a campaign and will stand as an independent in next year's election.

Former economy minister Emmanuel Macron launched his bid for the French presidency on Wednesday, a move likely to take votes from mainstream candidates in a tight race that promises a strong turnout for far-right leader Marine Le Pen.

Opinion polls show Hollande himself and the left in general face a rout because of a perceived poor record on unemployment, national security and immigration - issues that lifted Le Pen.

Macron, an ex-investment banker who introduced labor reforms for Hollande, has yet to set out his policies in any detail. Although one of France's most popular politicians he has never held elected office and has no party apparatus behind him. Some say his campaign may struggle.

However, Macron is widely seen as likely to take votes from conservative Alain Juppe, the favorite to win the presidency. Juppe is fighting a tightening race for the center-right nomination in a presidential primary election of Les Republicains party and its center-right allies, which starts on Sunday.

At his election bid announcement, Macron said he wanted to move France away from "clan-based politics", adding: "I've witnessed the shallowness of our political system from the inside."

He batted aside criticism from the Left and Right that he was betraying his former boss and now potential rival Hollande and the Socialists.

"I want to unite the French, I'm not reaching out to the Left or the Right, I'm reaching out to the French," Macron said in a prime-time evening news interview.

The best way for France to deal with globalization was closer ties with the rest of Europe, in contrast to the inward-looking policies of some other contenders, Macron said.

Juppe is fighting on a similarly pro-European and centrist platform, positioning himself to the left of his main rival, Nicolas Sarkozy.

Sarkozy, an ex-president, competes with the far-right National Front's appeal to populist voters with sharp criticism of EU policy and a hard line on security and immigration. REUTERS

Mexico boosts support for its migrants in the US after Trump win

A couple of people approach the wall on Tijuana side of the Border Field State Park fence, which separates the cities of San Diego and Tijuana at the US-Mexico border going 300 feet into the Pacific Ocean. GETTY IMAGES

Trump's victory over Democrat Hillary Clinton has shaken Mexico, pushing the beleaguered peso to record lows and forcing the government into crisis mode as it seeks to protect bilateral trade.

Mexico's foreign ministry announced fresh steps Wednesday to provide support to Mexican citizens living in the United States following the victory in last week's U.S. presidential election by Donald Trump, who has promised to crack down on immigrants in the country illegally.

The ministry said it was acting to help Mexicans avoid fraud and abuses in the United States. It said it would expand the availability of mobile consulate services to reach more migrants in their communities, establish a 24-hour telephone line for questions about immigration and provide more appointments for migrants to get passports, birth certificates and consular identification cards.

The ministry also said Mexico will "strengthen dialogue" with U.S. state and local authorities to protect its citizens, and added that migrants in the United States should "avoid any conflict situation" and stay out of trouble with the law.

Trump, who takes office Jan. 20, said in an interview with the CBS program "60 Minutes" that aired Sunday that his administration would focus on deporting immigrants with criminal records. Trump said during the campaign he would deport the estimated 11 million immigrants in the United States illegally.

During the campaign, Trump also promised to build a wall along the U.S.-Mexican border with Mexico paying for it, accused Mexico of sending rapists and drug runners into the United States and threatened to rip up the North American Free Trade Agreement between the United States, Canada and Mexico. REUTERS

BRIEF

Oklahoma airport shooting suspect was ex-Southwest worker

A man accused of fatally shooting a Southwest Airlines worker before turning the gun on himself might have been retaliating after he resigned from the carrier last year, police said.

Lloyd Buie, 45, is accused of killing Michael Winchester, 52, while the victim walked from work to his vehicle in a parking lot at Oklahoma City's Will Rogers World Airport on Tuesday afternoon, police said.

Winchester was the father of professional football player James Winchester, a long snapper for the Kansas City Chiefs.

"It is believed the crime was premeditated and that the suspect armed himself and went to the airport with intention of shooting someone," Oklahoma City Police Captain Paco Balderrama said at a news conference.

Buie, whom authorities found dead inside his truck in an airport parking garage with an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound, resigned from Southwest in April 2015, Balderrama said.

"While detectives do not know whether Winchester was the target, it is possible that the suspect acted in retaliation against the circumstances leading up to his resignation," Balderrama said.

Balderrama did not say which position Buie held with the airline company or why he resigned.

Southwest officials were not immediately available for comment. REUTERS

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Reports: Sleep apnea may have played role in NJ train crash

The train killed one woman and injured dozens more. GETTY IMAGES

The engineer of the commuter train that crashed in Hoboken in September had undiagnosed sleep apnea, officials said.

The train accelerated, derailed and hit a wall at the Hoboken station at 21 mph — more than double the speed limit — killing one woman and injuring dozens of people. The crash occurred during morning rush hour on Sept. 29.

Two anonymous officials who were briefed on the investigation told The Associated Press that 48-year-old Thomas Gallagher, the engineer, was diagnosed with sleep apnea after the crash.

The National Transportation Safety Board has not confirmed the information, according to the report.

Gallagher told investigators that his only memory of the crash was waking up on the floor.

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Customers are encouraged to arrive and register by 8:15AM to inspect the entire inventory and find the car that's right for them. Every vehicle will be cleaned, detailed, and fully prepared for instant delivery. On the evening of November 18th, after the close of business, Mr. Beans and his team will mark the special sale price on each and every vehicle. Because Fred Beans' customers are feeling the credit crunch right now, the Fred Beans Automotive Group has given the dealerships' financing managers the resources necessary to get most customers' credit approved on the spot.

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Underground ocean found on Pluto, likely slushy with ice

Scientists have found evidence that tiny, distant Pluto harbors a hidden ocean beneath the frozen surface of its heart-shaped central plain containing as much water as all of Earth's seas.

The finding, reported on Wednesday in two research papers published in the journal Nature, adds Pluto to a growing list of worlds in the solar system beyond Earth believed to have underground oceans, some of which potentially could be habitats for life.

Pluto's ocean, which is likely slushy with ice, lies 93 to 124 miles beneath the dwarf planet's icy surface and is about 62 miles deep, planetary scientist Francis Nimmo of the University of California, Santa Cruz, said in an interview.

With its ocean covered by so much ice, Pluto is not a prime candidate for life, added Massachusetts Institute of Technology planetary scientist Richard Binzel, another of the researchers. But Binzel added that "one is careful to never say the word 'impossible.'"

Liquid water is considered one of the essential ingredients for life.

The discovery was made through an analysis of images and data collected by NASA's New Horizons spacecraft, which flew past Pluto and its entourage of moons in July 2015.

"It shows that nature is more creative than we are able to imagine, which is why we go and explore," Binzel said. "We see what nature is capable of doing."

Despite being about 40 times farther from the sun than Earth, Pluto has enough radioactive heat left over from its formation 4.6 billion years ago to keep water liquid.

"Pluto has enough rock that there's quite a lot of heat being generated, and an ice shell a few hundred kilometers thick is quite a good insulator," Nimmo said. "So a deep subsurface ocean is not too surprising, especially if the ocean contains ammonia, which acts like an antifreeze."

Scientists made the discovery as they were trying to figure out why a 621-mile-wide impact basin known as Sputnik Planitia, which contains the curious heart-shaped region, was located in its present position near Pluto's equator. REUTERS

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Los Angeles 2024 bid plays down concerns after Trump win

Los Angeles 2024 Olympic-bid leaders sought to allay concerns within the Olympic movement following Donald Trump's presidential-election victory, saying the candidacy would continue to "celebrate our diversity."

Los Angeles, bidding to host the summer games for a third time (it hosted them in 1932 and 1984), was seen as the front-runner in the race with Paris and Budapest until Trump's election.

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, a Democrat, had warned that victory for Republican Trump would not help the bid given the makeup of the 98 voting members of the International Olympic Committee membership.

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Trump courted controversy in the run-up to the election with campaign proposals including a call to ban Muslims from entering the United States and building a wall along the U.S.-Mexican border.

"We just finished our presidential election and some of you may question our commitment to our founding principles," L.A. bid official Allyson Felix, a six-time Olympic track and field champion, told a meeting of national Olympic committees in Doha, Qatar.

"I have one message for you. Please do not doubt us. America's diversity is our greatest strength."

The audience included IOC President Thomas Bach as well as international sports federation presidents and IOC members as the three cities made the first of three official presentations ahead of the vote next year.

Felix said Los Angeles needed the games "now more than ever" to help make the United States better.

"We are a nation of people whose [ancestors] came from all over the world for a better life," she said. REUTERS

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Citigroup CFO says tax rate cut could bring $4B charge

Citigroup expects its capital markets business in the fourth quarter to be "meaningfully better" than a year earlier, but down seasonally from the third quarter, Jamie Forese, chief executive for the Institutional Clients Group, said at the conference. GETTY IMAGES

If federal corporate tax rates decline 20 percent under President-elect Donald Trump, Citigroup Inc. may have to take a $4 billion charge to profits to reflect lower values for its deferred tax assets, the bank's chief financial officer said on Wednesday.

However, a charge of that size and nature would not hurt the amount of capital that Citigroup reports to regulators under rules designed to ensure the soundness of banks, CFO John Gerspach said at an investor conference that was webcast.

After the election results last week were viewed by Wall Street as increasing the chances of lower tax rates, the KBW bank stock index climbed 13.6 percent through Tuesday while Citigroup shares rose 11.1 percent.

Analysts have said that Citigroup has lagged other bank stocks partly because of the chance that tax reform would reduce the value of the company's deferred tax assets.

A corporate tax rate of 28 percent would amount to a 20 percent reduction from current rates, Gerspach said.

Citigroup has $45 billion of deferred tax assets, far more than any other U.S. bank. They are largely left over from the tax treatment of losses during the financial crisis. The bank had used up about $10 billion in the last four years.

Gerspach called the estimated $4 billion charge part of a "rough, top-level assessment" of consequences of possible tax reforms.

If tax reforms were to make a big change in the treatment of liabilities outside of the United States, the bank might have to take a charge of as much as $12 billion and report a $4 billion reduction in regulatory capital, he said.

"There are a lot of moving pieces," Gerspach said. "To the extent these changes were implemented over time, those impacts would likely be lower." REUTERS

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Iggy Azalea claims she has the 'best vagina in the world' after GQ award

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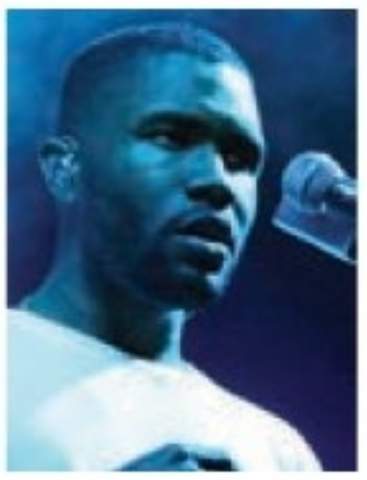
While all of the more important celebrities were recovering from Glamour's Women of the Year Awards in Los Angeles, rapper Iggy Azalea was in Australia accepting an award of her own at GQ Australia's Men of the Year Awards. The men's magazine celebrated in Sydney, Iggy's birthplace, and honored her with its Woman of the Year Award. Kind of like Glamour did for Bono, except… not really.

According to The Daily Telegraph, Iggy was feeling quite proud of her accomplishment. "I have won a lot of awards over the last few years but this one means the absolute most to me because I can finally say I have an award-winning vagina," she shared. "This is amazing to me, I've got the best vagina in the world." So now we know woman = vagina for Iggy.

Her ex-fiancé and NBA baller, Nick Young, who was publicly exposed for cheating on Iggy, would probably disagree. But his opinion ain't worth much.

Frank Ocean reveals why he didn't submit 'Blonde' for Grammy nomination

Frank Ocean made fans hang on for four years before he released the follow-up to 2012's "Channel Orange." Impatient devotees like us weren't happy about it, but "Blonde" was well worth waiting for.



Ocean's sophomore album has topped the charts and received positive reviews from critics and listeners alike.

So why didn't Frank, who has already won two Grammys, submit the album to be considered for this years awards?

The short answer: He's silently protesting what he calls a "dated" system of awarding, screening and nominating. He told The New York Times that even though the Grammys hold "nostalgic importance" he doesn't see them "representing very well for people who come from where [he] come[s] from," noting the few black artists who have won Grammys in his lifetime. The 29-year-old said, "I'd rather this be my Colin Kaepernick moment for the Grammys than sit there in the audience."

We respect his integrity. But don't make us wait another four years for an album, Frank!

Ricky Martin got engaged to Jwan Yosef

Ricky Martin is having a pretty good year. The "Livin' la Vida Loca" singer recently announced his headlining Las Vegas residency at the Park Theater at Monte Carlo. According to E! News, the dates for his residency have not been confirmed, but other big names like Bruno Mars and Cher are all scheduled to grace the Park Theater stage after it opens in December.

Things have been going well in Ricky's personal life, as well. The 44-year-old father of two appeared on "The Ellen Show" to talk about his relationship with conceptual artist Jwan Yosef. Martin told Ellen that he is in love and proudly declared that they're engaged! Ricky proposed to Jwan earlier in the year and shared a cute anecdote about not realizing that his fiance said "yes" to his proposal until 30 minutes later! Congrats to the happy couple.

These two studs just took "handsome couple" to the next level.

The Kardashians top Forbes' 'Top Earning Reality Stars' list

We all know the Kardashians and Jenners are wealthy; it's what makes them *them*. But now we know exactly how much the famous siblings and their momager brought in from June 2015 to June 2016, thanks to Forbes' first Top Earning Reality Stars list. Spoiler alert: The numbers are astounding.

The family made a combined total of $122.5 million during the 12-month period. This doesn't even include earnings from Rob, Caitlyn or Blac Chyna who didn't make the list. Kim, who topped the list at $51 million, earned most of her cash from mobile ventures like her Kimojis and "Kim Kardashian: Hollywood" game. She was followed on the list by baby sister Kylie ($18 mil), Kendall ($17 mil), Khloé ($15 mil), Kris ($11.5 mil), and finally Kourtney ($10 mil).

"Real Housewives of New York" star Bethenny Frankel ($8.5 mil) was the only non-"KUWTK"star on the list.

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Emma Watson and Dan Stevens headlining "Beauty and the Beast," coming in March, should temporarily cheer you up from this apocalyptic nonsense. DISNEY

I couldn't write about politics today. Heck, I can barely stand looking at my Facebook feed anymore. I made that mistake earlier this week and I'm still reeling from having to unfriend 37 people. Don't misunderstand: It wasn't for their differing opinions, but for straight up hate-mongering. The few bright spots in my week have been entertainment-related. If ever we needed a distraction, it's now.

This week, Disney's live action "Beauty and the Beast" trailer was released. The film stars Emma Watson of "Harry Potter" as Belle, something I find soothing in and of itself. The pure escapism of it all, the sets, the costumes, the makeup on Dan Stevens as the Beast, the adorable dinnerware that speaks — it made me smile for the first time this week.

If your reality has been anything like mine, you're probably eager for some escapism, too. Whatever your politics, you must have been hearing about hate crimes. My friends have been told to go back to their own countries, had hate symbols spray-painted on their houses and more. I've gotten so much hate mail that I can barely get through it all. So I watched this and the "Rogue One" trailer over and over. I retreated into books I've read a million times.

Oh, I'm still fighting. But even fighters need a few moments of peace.

In "Beauty and the Beast," Belle's father is taken prisoner by the Beast. Instead of mourning when something bad happens, she takes his place and saves his life. The Beast was punished with his monstrous form after showing no compassion to an old woman. He slowly but surely learns to love and be deserving of love. Oh God, I'd love to believe in fairy tales and happy endings right now.

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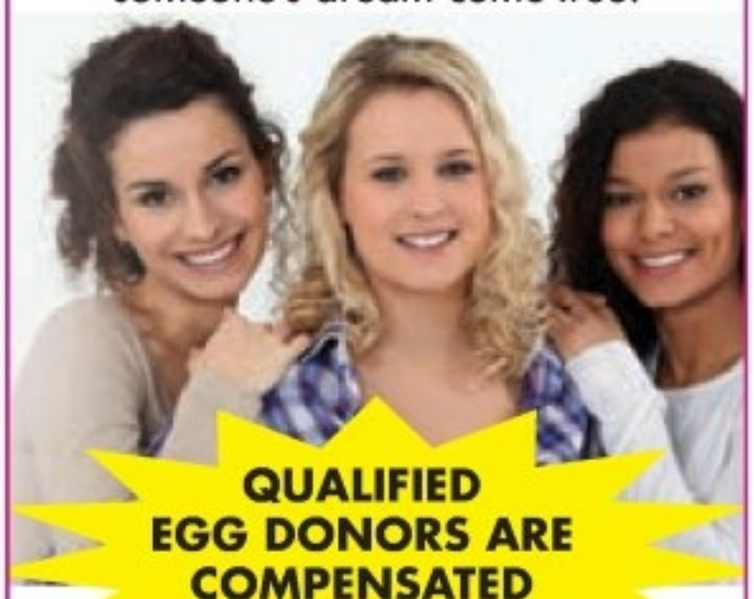

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Michael Shannon: Not happy with Trump voters

Michael Shannon plays a detective who helps a wronged man (Jake Gyllenhall) get some Texas justice in Tom Ford's "Nocturnal Animals," in theaters Friday. MERRICK MORTON, FOCUS FEATURES

We're not feeling great about the country right now, and neither is the "Nocturnal Animals" actor.

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Michael Shannon is happy to talk Trump. He's doing interviews for "Nocturnal Animals," by fashion god-turned-filmmaker Tom Ford ("A Single Man"). The prolific character actor (this year of "Elvis & Nixon" and "Midnight Special") plays a Texas detective who comes to the aid of a man (Jake Gyllenhaal) whose wife and daughter were raped and murdered. But Shannon would rather talk about more pressing matters.

This is a revenge movie. I'm not someone who would ever enact bloody vengeance in real life, but I think movies about that can be therapeutic.

Oh yeah, there's a catharsis involved, definitely. Oh, I could use some vengeance right now, boy oh boy. We're going to need a lot of vengeance movies in the next four years.

The election is all I've been thinking about. How are you doing?

I'm on tenterhooks here. I have two young children. Basically this man is probably going to destroy the earth and civilization as we know it.

I'm not convinced anything we do to combat this will actually effect change.

That's the thing: These protests are so moving, but ultimately what are they going to accomplish? I'm so glad these kids on the campuses everywhere are going

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apes—, but at the end of the day the guy's still going to be president. Maybe you need a civil war or something.

I was going to avoid talking about this, but I suppose it's unavoidable.

No, it's unavoidable. It should be talked about constantly. It should be the only thing anyone talks about.

The other side won't even listen to us.

The wall isn't between the U.S. and Mexico; the wall is between people who voted for Trump and people who didn't. And we've got to do something about it. I don't want to live in a country where people voted for Trump. I want to live in some other f—ing country. But I don't want to run away. So we're just going to have to bust things up.

I'm not even sure how to do that. We have to invent a new way.

There's a lot of old people who need to realize they've had a nice life, and it's time for them to move on. Because they're the ones who go out and vote for these a—holes. If you look at the young people, if it was up to them Hillary would have been president. No offense to the seniors out there. My mom's a senior citizen. But if you're voting for Trump, it's time for the urn.

My parents voted for Trump and I'm still not sure how to talk to them about that.

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Elle King is having a very good year. Sure, you could count the fact that her bluesy debut album, 2015's "Love Stuff" went gold in 2016 and its top 10 single, "Ex's & Oh's," earned her two Grammy nominations. More recently, King appeared with Dierks Bentley on the 50th anniversary broadcast of the Country Music Association Awards, where the pair won a Musical Event of the Year prize for their "Different for Girls" duet, as well as Stephen Colbert's election night Showtime special.

Yet, it is the fact that King met the man she calls "the love of her life" earlier in 2016 that has inspired her the most; so much so that she started a live showcase, The Ministry Tour, where an exchange of vows is a centerpiece of each evening, with King acting as an officiator. (The couples originally got connected to King through her Instagram account.)

"Who doesn't want to get married by me in front of thousands of people?" she laughs.

How has conquering the world with "Love Stuff" changed your life so drastically?

Totally changed. It was a slow climb for "Ex's & Oh's," and that song hit in America while I was in Europe. I called my mom, and I think I was a little blue about something, and she was like, "Baby, you're in for a big surprise when you get home." This past year has been outstanding — real "dreams come true" shows where everybody knows every word to every song. Still, this tour I'm doing now is the last hurrah for "Love Stuff."

Have you just had enough of it?

No, I'm getting ready to make the next record. I have more music in me, and there's an evolution from what I did with that one. Just for fun, we throw some of the new songs in on this show. I will, however, never get bored of "Ex's & Oh's."

Do you know why people connect to you on what seems like such a deep level?

I think, I hope, that it's me — though I don't want to come off as egotistical. I grew up as not always the most popular girl and not always the prettiest girl, and I just said "Screw it." I did what I wanted, be myself and hoped people liked what I had to offer. I never changed that. I make music true to how I feel. People I know who respond to that, who tell me they respond to that, often tell me that they feel as if we're friends or could be best buds with a real connection.

Elle King on stage during this year's CMA Awards. GETTY IMAGES

Speaking of best buds and connection, you're engaged.

We met in January, started hanging together immediately where we never left each other's side. We got engaged two weeks later. He's my best friend and has changed my view on everything. We're absolutely in love; so much so that I tried to figure a way of celebrating that love with my fans. So I started marrying them — that's the basis of the whole tour.

Are you guys having a traditional wedding where your dad (comedian Rob Schneider) walks you down the road?

My stepdad will walk me down the aisle because he's the man who raised me. My betrothed is from Scotland, so we're not having a church wedding. It's going to be a small wedding in New York, a beautiful celebration with a dance party. Hoorah.

Do you know all the technicalities of marrying people?

I do. I have done in several times in the past, and know most of what aspects of it vary from state to state. I married friends in Utah and New Mexico in the past.

It's already nerve-racking getting married, and being onstage just adds to that edge. What would you say to those looking to marry unconventionally?

It's just declaring your love in front of thousands of screaming people. It's easy. I tell people in the audience to scream louder. It's love. Why not get everybody to celebrate, to be a part of it?

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Where to eat Thanksgiving dinner in Philly

Thanksgiving is a time for family and comfort food, but who says you have to spend it at home? If you're the one stuck cooking, the day is basically over — preparing the turkey alone could take hours. So why not leave it to the professionals and dine at one of Philly's fabulous restaurants for a unique spin on the holiday this year? Here are four favorites serving special Thanksgiving meals.

JENNIFER LOGUE

The Little Lion PROVIDED

things to do

Del Frisco's

1426 Chestnut St.
12-8 p.m.
$49 per person
delfriscos.com

If you're looking for a Thanksgiving feast that's oozing old school elegance, try Del Frisco's. The celebrated steakhouse is offering a special Turkey Day menu for the first time in its eight year history. Offerings include a savory butternut squash soup, holiday salad and slow roasted turkey breast with all the trimmings. For dessert, indulge in their pumpkin cheesecake.

XIX

200 S. Broad St.
1-6 p.m.
$69 per person
hyatt.com

Want Thanksgiving with a view? Take in stunning vistas of Center City Philadelphia at XIX, located on the 19th floor of Hyatt at the Bellevue. Menu highlights for Thanksgiving include: raw bar options, six different salad choices (including delicata squash, roasted pumpkin seeds, figs and pecorino — yum!), maple glazed turkey, crispy skin stuffed salmon and more.

Aqimero

10 Avenue of the Arts
1-9 p.m.
$80 per person
richardsandoval.com

Add a dash of Latin flare to this year's Thanksgiving celebrations at Aqimero. The Richard Sandoval restaurant located inside the Ritz Carlton will put a Latin-American spin on holiday favorites. Turkey infused with honey mezcal, anyone? For a touch of la dulce vida, save room for the sweet potatoes with candied walnuts and marshmallows.

The Little Lion

243 Chestnut St.
$39 per person
2 p.m. to 11 p.m.
thelittlelionphilly.com

Looking for a frugal yet fabulous option for Thanksgiving? The Little Lion in Old City hits all the right notes. Diners get to choose two entrees, three trimmings and a dessert for only $39. Highlights include turkey, braised short rib, charred Brussels sprouts, sweet potato hash and, of course, pumpkin pie.

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EAT LIKE AN INSIDER

Chris Mann of The Olde Bar dishes on his Philly food faves. PROVIDED

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Chris Mann has been with Garces Group for the past nine years and is currently the general manager at The Olde Bar, which occupies the historic Bookbinder's building in Old City. He first started cooking as a child with his mother and grandmother in Long Island, New York, and after his parents divorced, he prepared all the family dinners. He graduated from the Culinary Institute of America in 1997 and has spent the past 15 years in Philadelphia. When he's not in the kitchen, you'll find him spending quality time with his wife and 1-year-old son. Mann tells us where to go for the best deal on Sunday supper, and why you don't need to spend a ton of money for a great burger.

Best late night meal?

Salt baked squid from Jade Harbor (942 Race St.). Super tender with a little crunch and just the right amount of garlic. Be sure to ask for soy sauce with green chile for dipping. I also love the cowboy rib eye with mushroom and Roquefort at The Olde Bar (125 Walnut St.). And then the hummus at Dizengoff (1625 Sansom St.) — any flavor.

Village Whiskey burger PROVIDED

Best meal under $10?

The $5 cheeseburger at Fountain Porter (1601 S. 10th St.) Perfectly seasoned and seared every time, it's served on a potato roll with lettuce, tomato and American cheese. The quintessential, no frills, American backyard barbecue burger.

Best hidden foodie gem?

Kim's BBQ in Olney (5955 N. Fifth St.) I'm not sure how "hidden" Kim's is these days, but before Korean food started becoming very popular, it was. They serve traditional Korean style grilled meats (you get to do your own grilling right at the table) and veggies that come with a decent spread of Korean side dishes.

Best place to dine alone?

Village Whiskey (118 S. 20th St.) is my go-to dine alone spot. It has a great atmosphere and there is always someone to meet. The staff is very friendly and the burgers are some of the best in the city.

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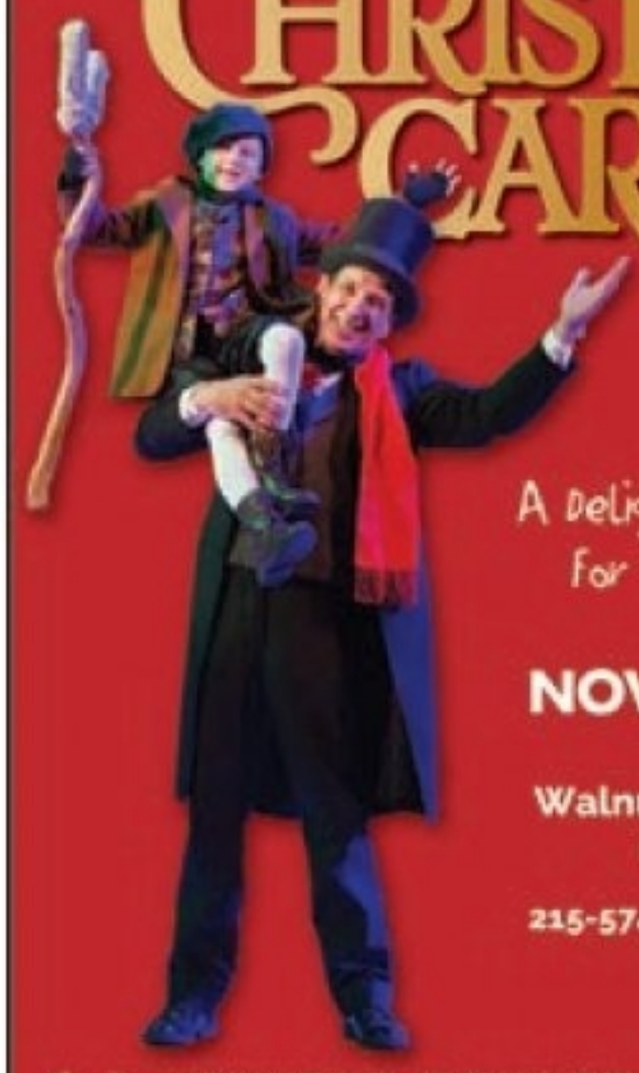

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firstpersonarts.org

Philadelphia Jewish Film Festival

The Philadelphia Jewish Film Festival wraps up this weekend with a slew of Philly premieres. There are four Saturday night alone in a short film series called "Women in Shorts" that, as the name suggests, features a collection of quick flicks about ladies. That opens with the multiaward-winning "Women in Sink" that finds Israeli director Iris Zaki chatting with women of various backgrounds while they get their hair done at a salon in Haifa.
Through Nov. 19
Various locations, $11-$300
pjff.org

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Franklin Flea Holiday Market

Just in time for the holidays, Franklin Flea kicks off the first in its series of four holiday markets taking place at the Historic Strawbridge's Building. The airy, chandelier-punctuated space plays home to dozens of vendors selling everything from vintage clothing and antiques to jewelry and all kinds of home decor. If you're hungry, local street food vendors will be on site to feed your growling tummy. Franklin Flea Holiday Markets take place Nov. 26 and Dec. 3 and 17.
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PERFORMING ARTS

"Sunset, 0639 Hours"

Philadelphia contemporary dance troupe BalletX kicks off its 11th season with a reprisal of Matthew Neenan's critically acclaimed "Sunset, 0639 Hours." The compelling composition uses innovative choreography, a 1930s-inspired score and brilliant lighting techniques to tell the triumphant yet tragic tale of American pilot Captain Edwin Musick, who completed the first airmail service between the U.S. and New Zealand in 1938.
Through Nov. 20
The Wilma Theater
265 S. Broad St.
$50, balletx.org

"Five Points"

Eleventh Hour Theatre Company presents the first of two musicals in its Next Step Concert Series. "Five Points" takes us back to Manhattan at the onset of the Civil War. In a slum inhabited by poor immigrants and free black families, an African-American man finds meaningful connection with a widowed Irish father nervous that his son may be drafted.
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Nov. 19, 8 p.m.
Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts
3680 Walnut St., $25, annenbergcenter.org

sylvania Academy of Ballet Society's three-day performance of Tchaikovsky's much-loved holiday tale. The family-friendly (and affordably priced) spectacle enlists classically trained dancers and professional soloists to tell the story of a young girl who gets swept away to a kingdom of mouse soldiers, sugarplum fairies and Russian tea dancers.

Nov. 18-20
Upper Darby Performing Arts Center
601 N. Lansdowne Ave.
$9-$22, udpac.org

ART

"Melt/Carve/ Forge: Embodied Sculptures by Cassils"

PAFA makes way for the very first solo museum exhibition in the United States by Canadian sculptor and performance artist Cassils. The exhibition features photography, video and sculpture inspired by acts of violence experienced by the LGBTQ community. Cassils comes to PAFA on Dec. 2 for a soldout performance piece in which the artist "unleashes an attack" on a 2,000-pound lump of clay. The show is illuminated only by the flash of a camera, "which burns the image into the viewer's retina." Ouch.

Nov. 19-March 5, 2017
Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts
118-128 N. Broad St.
Free with $15 museum admission, pafa.org

"I Got Woke, Who Got Next?"

On the heels of a gut-punching election season, local artist Zoeh opens her latest exhibition that spotlights "the power we have over our own happiness." The opening-night soiree features Zoeh's visual art and writings, complemented by a Q&A with the artist, music from Groove Control Productions and dance lessons from Lansdowne Ballroom and Latin Dance Social Club.

Nov. 19, 7-10 p.m.
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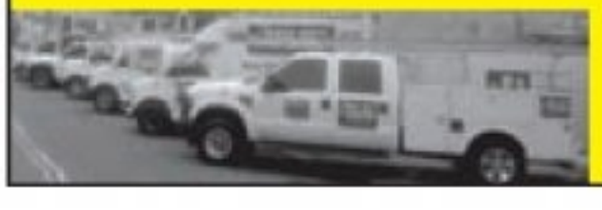

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Your 48-hour guide to relaxation

We went to Aruba for the weekend to find out if it's possible to get relaxed, restored and culturally satisfied in just two days.

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The Aruba Marriott Resort is nestled in a strip of high-rise hotels in Palm Beach. Think: endless soft, pillowy sand. RACHEL RACZKA

It's not an easy stretch of the year to take a few days off — holidays have many of us working overtime to prep for the days we'll be spending out of the office. Of course, this is also when we feel in desperate need of a vacation between the election results, the cabin fever that comes with the end of Daylight Saving Time and this season of obligations. So we asked: Can you refresh with a getaway that only lasts 48 hours?

To find out, we went to Aruba with JetBlue for a two-night stay at the Aruba Marriott Resort and Stellaris Casino in Palm Beach. This means a four-hours-and-change flight from Boston for an epically burned out editor with less than two full days of soaking up the sun, sand and beachside cocktails. Doesn't sound relaxing enough? Believe it or not, it was. Here's how we found Zen in a weekend.

Upgrade your flight

It's pricey, but upgrading your ticket kick-starts your vacation the minute you board the plane. And when you have only two days, you might as well make the most of it. We flew JetBlue Mint, a new premium domestic service that kicked off a Boston to Aruba service this month. Fares start at $599 each way with seats that recline fully to become 80-inch beds, Hollywood-inspired toiletry kits from Hayward & Hopper and a menu of small plates straight from New York's chic comfort food restaurant Saxon + Parole and takeaway desserts by Tom Colicchio favorite Mah-Ze-Dahr Bakery.

Call it over-the-top or an indulgence, but there's something to be said when you leave a long flight feeling even more refreshed than when you boarded.

Asparagus and artichoke risotto, pumpkin soup with chicken confit and ahi tuna over quinoa in JetBlue's Mint class.

Ask the locals

Once on the ground, we turned to food editorial duo The Curious Pear for our game plan. Writer Meg Abbott and photographer Issy Croker travel the world capturing beautiful places, people and culinary delights, on tight deadlines (and budgets) to create stories that truly take you away. So how do we get a satisfying taste of a place in 48 hours or less?

"We usually start by asking our taxi driver, Airbnb host or a shop owner where their favorite place to eat is — more often than not, that always leads to somewhere unique and delicious," says Abbott.

So we asked our taxi driver, who recommended our first stop: Madame Janette, a lively, fairy light-lit al fresco restaurant in Noord that blends Caribbean and Dutch cuisines. Plate-size pork schnitzels and their signature almond-crusted grouper — an enormous flaky fish coated in tender almond slices with a spinach cream sauce — are served alongside frosty coupes of Frosé. The next night, wanting to eat like locals, we wandered to Juanchi's, an outdoor burger stand in Palm Beach with crispy onion cheeseburgers, plump saucy chicken wings, sweet *papelón con limón* and great nighttime people watching.

Our driver also took us along the scenic route (don't worry: Most cabs are flat-rate, agreed to upon entry) to drive by the aloe fields of Aruba Aloe in Hato. While we didn't have a chance to take the tour (they're free and offered every 15 minutes), we did purchase bottles at their Palm Beach boutique to cool sunburns and as gifts.

A cocktail in the sun
RACHEL RACZKA

Don't adjust your sleep schedule

The obvious advice is to not sleep your vacation away — with only 48 hours, you should enjoy all of them. The plush embrace of a resort makes sleeping in or conking out on the beach easy temptations, but oversleeping can actually cause your body distress by confusing your circadian rhythms. We decided to keep to our regular weekday schedule, hitting the hay around midnight, and waking just before 8 a.m.

The result? We felt refreshed and energized for the duration of our two-day trip. Not sleeping in gave us a chance to hit the hotel's extravagant La Vista breakfast buffet before the crowds, and first dibs on the complimentary cabanas that we camped out under through sunset with fish tacos and fruity rum cocktails.

Just like in regular life, the days seem endless when you wake ready to embrace the world, and it seems pretty foolish that anyone would ever go on vacation to sleep.

Once we landed back in Boston — which had just suffered its first hail of the season — there was a sigh of relief. While there's always going to be the desperate melancholy of a vacation ended, there's a sense of fulfillment and satisfaction from efficiently spent time that the neurotic and work-obsessed thrive on. And honestly, for some of us, that's pretty relaxing.

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Thanksgoing

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Munich

By the last weekend in November, nearly all of the European Christmas markets are in full swing, but no country goes all out quite like Germany does.

Brussels

In late November, this relatively small city looks like a wintry fairytale town. Follow the crowds to the centrally located Winter Wonderland, complete with about 240 holiday "chalets" selling handicrafts, ornaments, and toothsome treats; a skating rink, large Ferris wheel and all kinds of entertainment round out the fun.

Madrid

Summers can be furnace-like in Madrid, but Spain's capital has relatively mild winter weather, which makes for comfortable weather to explore El Rastro, the city's 400-year-old flea market, or stroll the grand square at the heart of the old city, Plaza Mayor. Treat yourself to a meal at the world's oldest continuously running restaurant, Casa Botín, opened in 1725.

Florence

This is a great time to visit Tuscany's capital because many of the attractions and museums you want to see are inside anyway — Michelangelo's David at the Galleria dell'Accademia, the Uffizi Gallery and the Palazzo Pitti, to name a few — and there'll be fewer fellow tourists.

Lisbon

This isn't the time of year to visit for Portugal's beach scene, but Lisbon enjoys the warmest weather of any other major European city in November. Pack a good pair of walking shoes to explore the hilly cobblestone streets of the city's Alfama district, and grand plazas in the Baixa district.

Reykjavik

In November, the daytime temperatures in Iceland's capital aren't likely to reach 40 degrees. There's plenty to do — inside and outdoors — like a hot soak in a geothermal pool. At night, stay warm the way the locals do: at any of the numerous bars and nightclubs, where the action doesn't start heating up until midnight.

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San Miguel de Allende

Artists began flocking to this beautiful Mexican colonial city in the late 1930s, and it continues to draw expats and tourists charmed by the Mexican Baroque, Neoclassical and Neo-Gothic architecture, fine restaurants and galleries, classy boutique hotels and B&Bs.

Tulum

November marks the beginning of the dry season in Mexico, all the better for exploring Tulum's Mayan ruins, pristine beaches and world-famous cenotes or sinkholes.

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KONECNY PLAYS TOUGH BECAUSE IT'S 'PART OF THE FLYERS' CHARACTER'

Keeping up with Konecny

By Kyle Phillippi

In a league full of impressive and extremely contributive rookies, the Flyers are happy to have Travis Konecny. GETTY IMAGES

Travis Konecny wants to embody everything that is a Philadelphia Flyer.

That includes the toughness that traces back to the days of the Broad Street Bullies. Even if he stands at a generous 5-foot-10 and 175 pounds, Konecny plays as if he's the biggest guy out on the ice.

"I think [the players] like it," the rookie forward said. "I don't back down. It's part of the Flyers' character and who they are."

Take Tuesday's game as an example. Ottawa's Chris Neil, known as one of the more physical agitators in the league, dished out an open ice hit in the Flyers' defensive zone on Konecny. Within a split second, the rookie jumped back up, spotted the puck on Matt Puempel's stick and delivered his retribution straight into the 6-foot-1 winger's chest.

"I just like to make sure people know I'm not going to take that crap out on the ice," Konecny said. "I'm not going to be someone who gets messed around with."

The 19-year-old says he's not trying to "run guys through the boards" when he serves up these hits, more so it's a way of putting the other team on alert.

"I'm just trying to send them a statement that I'm not going to get thrown around," Konecny said. "It also gets me into the game a little bit when I make hits. When guys give me hits it wakes me up a little bit."

Konecny, who is tied for seventh among rookies in scoring entering Wednesday's game, also ranks pretty high in the checking department. His 30 hits are seventh among rookies and sixth among Flyers.

He's also the smallest — by a longshot — among the hits leaders.

"He's a gritty player," said linemate Jake Voracek. "Am I surprised? I'm not surprised the way he plays, I'm surprised how big of an impact when he hits."

The centerman of that dynamic second line, Sean Couturier, adds that the rookie is "not afraid of anyone" nor is he ever intimidated.

"Guys are getting on him, especially the way he plays, and he's not backing down from anyone," Couturier said.

Konecny has heard numerous praises from some his teammates, including Wayne Simmonds. Hearing their support of how he throws his body around has provided the youngster with plenty of additional confidence.

With a grin, Konecny said there's a slight feeling of success whenever he upends an opponent. He did add that with the way he plays, he has to be careful about not getting too involved with the other team's big boys.

Konecny developed this physical nature years back when he climbed through the junior ranks in anticipation of playing in the NHL where the average height is 2 to 3 inches taller than him and the average weight can be up to 25 pounds heavier than his frame.

"I've been focusing on that over the years, making sure I stay in shape and that I'm ready for the next level," Konecny said. "There's obviously bigger guys here so you have to be ready for it."

Will he ever tone down the physical play? Never.

As he put it, if the boys like it, then "I just got to keep doing that."

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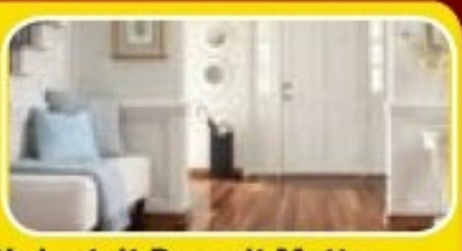

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Flyers continue to live on edge, 10 of last 11 games decided by one goal

So far, the Flyers haven't made things easy on themselves.

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The Flyers have often left themselves little margin for error this season.

They have either been tied, or trailed or led by one goal in the third period in all but a couple of their 17 games. One mistake, misplay, bad bounce or breakdown has the potential to lead to a loss.

The good news is there is one way to avoid always putting themselves in this frantic and pressure-packed position, though.

"We have to do a better job extending the lead in the third period," coach Dave Hakstol said following Tuesday's shootout loss to Senators. "We played a pretty good hockey game, but whether it's extending [the lead on] the five-on-five or on the power play opportunities, we have to do a better job and have to work to extend that lead."

On Tuesday, the Flyers coughed up the tying goal with 1:59 to play when the defense and goalie Steve Mason were beat on a wrap-around move. It ruined what had been a terrific performance by the team and the goaltender and ended up costing them a point.

However, the Flyers were able to protect a one-goal lead in Saturday's 3-2 victory over the Wild. Still, it didn't come without at least one harrowing moment. Mason made a brilliant pad save in the closing seconds of the contest to preserve the victory.

It seems no matter what they do, the Flyers find themselves mired in close games this season. GETTY IMAGES

"They're always difficult," defenseman Brandon Manning said Tuesday on the subject tight games. "When you give up a goal in the last five minutes, I think that's hard on everyone. You want to do a better job. I think at the Minnesota game we did a good job locking it down, so it's always tough to give away those points."

Fortunately, the Flyers have handled themselves adequately in tight games. They are 5-4-3 in games decided by one goal, including 3-1-2 in November, and are 2-1-1 this season when leading after two periods.

They are also getting used to playing on the edge. Ten of their last 11 games have been decided by one goal. In the one game during the stretch that wasn't, a 6-3 loss to the Maple Leafs, they entered the third period with a 3-2 lead.

The Flyers definitely wouldn't mind giving themselves a little extra cushion going forward.

"We've got to keep growing because [Tuesday] is a game that while we had it in hand, we've got to do a little bit more [to extend our lead]," Hakstol said. "We have to push that so that one play doesn't tie it up late in the hockey game."

Flyers to face Jets' league-leading rookie

It has no doubt been intriguing to watch the development of Flyers rookies Travis Konecny and Ivan Provorov this season. The pair of 19 year olds are playing key roles and proving they belong in the NHL.

Thursday, the Flyers welcome one of the explosive teenagers in the league on Thursday when they host the Jets. Rookie Patrik Laine, who was selected second overall in last June's draft, leads the league with 12 goals and could become the first rookie to score 50 goals in a season since Alex Ovechkin did in the 2005-'06 season.

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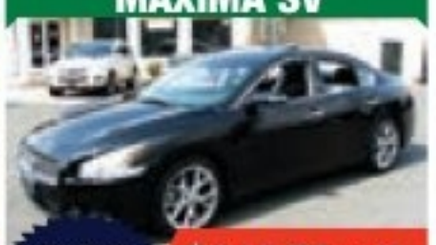

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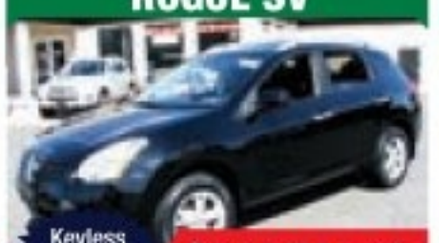

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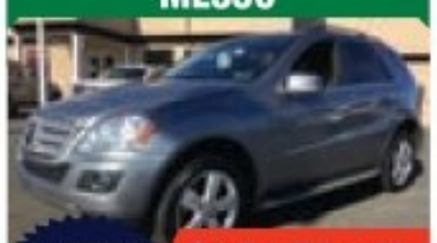

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Eagles preparing for Seahawks' 12th man

The Eagles know they have a penalty problem. They know they have a road problem. Heading to Seattle Sunday isn't exactly what the doctor ordered for the NFC East's last-place squad.

"Going into this stadium, this 12th man — it's real," Eagles head coach Doug Pederson said. "The last time that I was up there was with the Eagles a few years back, and it's a loud place. Those things are the things that keep your offense from executing and staying on the field, and this team definitely feeds off that and tries to get you into those second-and-long, third-and-long situations. The point of emphasis this week obviously is to be able to handle that and minimize those penalties."

The Eagles are 1-4 on the road (5-4 overall) and have committed 42 penalties away from home — fourth most in the NFL.

The Seahawks have won all four games at home this season. GETTY IMAGES

Their 75 accepted penalties this season are tied for the second most in all of football (behind the Raiders' ridiculous 94).

Sunday will be a test. And that's before even considering the Seahawks are fresh off a victory over the Patriots, led by a resurgent Russell Wilson.

"I think when you are on the road you try to press just a little bit," Pederson said. "You try to get that quick, early lead; try to take the crowd of out of the game. You maybe do some things that are uncharacteristic of what you do at home, and we just can't do that. We've got to stick to the game plan. We've got to approach it much like a home game and trust the players, trust the plan."

Pederson said he plans to practice inside the Eagles' practice dome, indoors despite the nice weather this week to prepare for the noise level at CenturyLink Field. He knows first hand the dedication of Seahawks fans having grown up himself in Washington state.

"As a kid going growing up, I was a part of it," the coach said. "I was a part of the Kingdome and my parents took me to the Seahawk games. I grew up doing that. I've experienced it firsthand from a fan's perspective as a kid in high school."

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Aries Keep an open mind, but don't give in to emotional pressure someone is putting on you. Keep your personal plans a secret until they are ready for the world.

Taurus Plan a gathering with the people whom you love and enjoy. Sharing ideas, vacation plans or fun activities to do will give you something to look forward to.

Gemini A relationship will falter if you let someone tamper with your emotions. You need to lay your cards on the table and find out where you stand.

Cancer Do something out of the ordinary. Taking part in a community event that will promote new opportunities will lead to a new pastime.

Leo You can make strategic financial moves if you make changes to your investment portfolio or take a greater interest in upgrading your qualifications.

Virgo It's a good day to fix up your residence or make romantic plans. A subtle alteration to your appearance will give you the confidence you need to pursue your goals.

Libra Strive to feel at peace. Don't listen to anyone trying to pressure you into something that isn't right for you. Make alterations that will improve your living.

Scorpio Present what you have to offer. Take action and do what comes naturally. Your intense desire to excel will be difficult for anyone competing with you to match.

Sagittarius Be realistic when dealing with personal finances or health issues. If you listen to the information being given to you, you'll discover a way to satisfy your needs.

Capricorn Share your feelings with someone you love or respect. It's important to have a confidante to run your ideas by before you put them into play.

Aquarius It's a good day to engage in creative endeavors and things that bring you satisfaction. Don't dispute something you know little about. Do your research.

Pisces Family should be your top priority. If you want to improve your surroundings or add to your comfort and convenience, start the ball rolling. EUGENIA LAST

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